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1. The following information on the organization and location of units of the Imperial Ethiopian Army is dated 1 September 1948:

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| G.H.Q. | Addis Ababa | |
| <u>1 Division Hq.</u> | Addis Ababa | |
| 1 Brigade Hq. | Jimma | |
| 25 Battalion | Jimma | |
| 17 Battalion | Jimma | To be formed September 1948. |
| 30 Battalion | Jimma | To be formed September 1949. |
| 2 Brigade Hq. | Addis Ababa | |
| 2 Battalion | Debra Marcos | |
| 11 Battalion | Addis Ababa | |
| 13 Battalion | Adama | Detachment at Addis Ababa attached to 11 Battalion. |
| 3 Brigade Hq. | Debra Berhan | To be formed September 1948. |
| 26 Battalion | Debra Berhan | To be formed September 1948. |
| 27 Battalion | Debra Berhan | To be formed September 1948. |
| 28 Battalion | Debra Berhan | To be formed September 1948. |
| 4 Brigade Hq. | Neghelli | |
| 14 Battalion | Bogol Magno | Detachments at Bordela and Dolo. |
| 23 Battalion | El Carre | |
| 24 Battalion | Neghelli | Under command of 3 Division for operations. |
| <u>2 Division Hq.</u> | Dessie | |
| 5 Brigade Hq. | Dessie | |
| 10 Battalion | Quoram | Will move shortly to Adowa. Detachment at Alomata. |
| 36 Battalion | Dessie | Crown Prince's Bodyguard. |
| 29 Battalion | _____ | To be formed September 1949. |

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| 6 Brigade Hq. | Quiha | | |
| 8 Battalion | Mai Ceu | | |
| 15 Battalion | Debub | | |
| 16 Battalion | Quiha | | |
| 7 Brigade Hq. | Adigrat | | |
| 6 Battalion | Adowa | To move soon to Quoram. | |
| 18 Battalion | Adigrat | | |
| 19 Battalion | Uogoro (Gorgoro) | | |
| 8 Brigade Hq. | Azozo | | |
| 1 Battalion | Gorgoro | | |
| 4 Battalion | Azozo | 2 companies detached to Debarese. | |
| 20 Battalion | Azozo | | |
| <u>3 Division Hq.</u> | Harrar | | |
| <u>9 Brigade</u> | Harrar | | |
| 22 Battalion | Combolicia | Field battalion detachments at Dagamsdo, Fich and Gabo. | |
| 31 Battalion | Harrar | Field battalion to be formed September 1948. | |
| 32 Battalion | Harrar | Garrison battalion. | |
| 10 Brigade Hq. | Giggiga | Formed September 1948. | |
| 9 Battalion | Giggiga | Field battalion company at Gauasenle. | |
| 12 Battalion | Dagabur | Garrison battalion. | |
| 21 Battalion | Ducuno | Field battalion detachment at Imi under command of 4 Brigade. Detachment at Segug. | |
| 11 Brigade Hq. | Gabredarre | To be formed September 1948. | |
| 3 Battalion | Gabredarre | Garrison battalion. | |
| 5 Battalion | Uadare | Field battalion detachment at Gallidi. | |
| 7 Battalion | Callafo | Field battalion detachment at Mastahil. | |
| 12 Brigade Hq. | --- | To be formed September 1949. | |
| 33 Battalion | | To be formed September 1949. | |
| 34 Battalion | | To be formed September 1949. | |
| 35 Battalion | | To be formed September 1949. | |

2. The following information on the organization and strength of units of the Imperial Ethiopian Army was correct as of March 1948:

| Unit | Strength | | |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|------|
| | Officers | Other Ranks | Boys |
| G.H.Q. | 23 | 99 | |
| I Division Hq. | 15 | 46 | |
| Crown Prince's Body Guard | 27 | 580 | |
| 1 Brigade Hq. | 5 | 17 | |
| 3 Battalion | 18 | 410 | 18 |
| 19 Battalion | 21 | 511 | 22 |

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| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Strength</u> | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | <u>Officers</u> | <u>Other Ranks</u> | <u>Boys</u> |
| 2 Brigade Hq. | 4 | 17 | |
| 2 Battalion | 21 | 552 | 26 |
| 11 Battalion | 24 | 320 | 78 |
| 13 Battalion | 34 | 481 | 15 |
| Reserve Battalion | 149 | 363 | |
| 3 Brigade Hq. | 4 | 56 | |
| 7 Battalion | 25 | 437 | |
| 9 Battalion | 24 | 438 | 22 |
| 12 Battalion | 28 | 506 | 14 |
| 21 Battalion | 31 | 513 | |
| 22 Battalion | 27 | 611 | |
| 4 Brigade Hq. | 5 | 32 | |
| 14 Battalion | 32 | 586 | |
| 23 Battalion | 30 | 457 | 10 |
| 24 Battalion | 29 | 491 | 9 |
| 2 Division Hq. | 19 | 83 | |
| 5 Brigade Hq. | 8 | 21 | |
| 5 Battalion | 35 | 625 | |
| 10 Battalion | 34 | 618 | 23 |
| 6 Brigade Hq. | 3 | 39 | |
| 8 Battalion | 24 | 598 | |
| 15 Battalion | 30 | 621 | 21 |
| 16 Battalion | 27 | 621 | |
| 7 Brigade Hq. | 4 | 14 | |
| 6 Battalion | 28 | 631 | |
| 18 Battalion | 39 | 660 | 23 |
| 8 Brigade Hq. | 5 | 21 | |
| 1 Battalion | 16 | 599 | |
| 4 Battalion | 19 | 547 | |
| 20 Battalion | 20 | 591 | 6 |
| Imperial Corps of Signallers | 28 | 260 | 106 |
| Imperial Corps of Engineers | 27 | 759 | 60 |
| Imperial Regiment of Artillery | 25 | 456 | 46 |
| Imperial Army Service Corps | 24 | 415 | 5 |
| M.T.C.T.S. (Motor Transport Central Training School?) | 4 | 82 | |
| S.R.D. (?) | 4 | 44 | 24 |
| Haille Selassie I Military Training College, Holleta | 16 | 181 | |

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| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Strength</u> | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | <u>Officers</u> | <u>Other Ranks</u> | <u>Boys</u> |
| Imperial Army Medical Corps | 14 | 105 | |
| Imperial Army Ordnance Corps | 11 | 131 | 6 |
| Imperial Army Electrical and Chemical Engineers | 26 | 209 | 70 |
| Imperial Army Military Police | 2 | 64 | |
| Imperial Army Details Company | 4 | 14 | |
| Imperial Army Band | 2 | 81 | |
| Totals | 1,074 | 16,613 | 604 |

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[REDACTED] Comment. The formation of 3 Division has resulted in rearrangement of the units, as shown in paragraph 1 above, but it is probable that the strength of the individual units remains much the same as is detailed in this paragraph.)

3. As of 7 October 1948 the following changes in organization and location of units were completed or in process:

The Imperial Army had decided to postpone the formation of 32 Garrison Battalion, 3 Division, at Harrar until September 1949.

In 2 Division, 6 Battalion and 10 Battalion are in the process of transfer, 6 Battalion going to Quoram, and 10 Battalion to Adowa.

In anticipation of tribal fighting over grazing and water rights in the Ogaden, the following moves will be effected: 9 Battalion to Harrar to join 5 Battalion and come under command of 11 Brigade. 10 Brigade Hq. at Giggiga to move to Dagebur. 31 Battalion at Harrar to move to Giggiga. When the transfer has been completed, 9 Brigade and 10 Brigade will have only 2 battalions each and 11 Brigade will have 4 battalions. All these are in 3 Division.

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